

# The Master of Arts Degree in East Asian Languages and Literatures

at the University of Hawai'i at M-noa

## CHINESE LANGUAGE

### Program Scope and Objectives

The M.A. in East Asian Languages and Literatures is offered with three areas of concentration: Chinese language and literature, Japanese language and literature, and Korean language and literature. The program is designed to provide students with advanced professional training in the history and structure of the chosen language and the literature of that language. Within each area of concentration, the student may choose to emphasize either language or literature. The program is also intended to provide professional training and practical teaching experience for future teachers of Chinese, Japanese, and Korean. The faculty and facilities in the area of teaching East Asian languages are numerous and diverse and encouragement is given to those interested in pursuing teaching careers.

### Admission Requirements

In addition to approval of admission by the Graduate Division, students must have satisfactory GRE scores (TOEFL scores, minimum of 560, are required of foreign students) and letters of recommendation, and meet the department's standards of competence in the Chinese Mandarin language. Advancement to candidacy also assumes knowledge of the structure of the language equivalent to Chinese 451, 452.

### Course Requirements

A minimum of 30 credits is required for the M.A., as follows:

1. CHN 601 and CHN 643, a total of 6 credits, which all M.A. students must take in their first year of residence.
2. Courses required for the candidate's concentration, totalling 18 credits.
3. Electives totalling at least 6 credits.

At least 18 credits (12 credits for Plan A) of concentration and elective courses must be in courses numbered 600 or higher, including a 700-level seminar, and excluding 699V. However, 699V may be applied in individual cases when it has been approved in advance as a substitute for a course numbered 600 or higher.

### General Examination.

During the first semester, or soon after completion of CHN 451, 452, the student will take a general examination to determine the quality of preparation for graduate work at the master's level in the chosen concentration. Only after passing this exam and clearing any other deficiencies may the student be advanced to candidacy.

The student may select either Plan A (thesis) or Plan B (non-thesis).

Plan A. Students choosing Plan A must take the same courses as those choosing Plan B, except that 6 credits of EALL 700V will be substituted for other courses in consultation with the advisor. There will be a final oral examination on the thesis.

Plan B. Students choosing Plan B will select courses for the required 30 credits from those listed for their area of concentration. In the final semester, the student will take a written examination in his/her language area and discipline (e.g. Chinese literature, Japanese linguistics, etc.), with emphasis on his/her field of specialization (e.g. modern literature, sociolinguistics, etc.). The candidate in Chinese Language has the option to submit a scholarly paper in lieu of this written examination. In either case, a final oral examination follows, which may also cover the other aspects of the student's program.

The M.A. in Chinese is a recognized WICHE regional graduate program. Residents of Alaska, Arizona, California (starting Fall 2010 admission), Colorado, Idaho, Montana, Nevada, New Mexico, North Dakota, Oregon, South Dakota, Utah, Washington, and Wyoming are eligible, upon admission, to enroll at resident tuition rates.

## Course Requirements Chinese Language

### Required: (12 credits)

- CHN 601 Introduction to the Study of Contemporary CHN Linguistics (3) [Pre: 452]  
 CHN 643 Methods in Teaching Chinese as a Second Language (3) [Pre: 451 & 452]  
 CHN 452 Structure of Chinese (3) [Pre: 202]  
 CHN 750(Alpha) Research Seminar in Chinese Language (3) [Pre: 451, 452, or 643, depending on the Alpha]

### 9 credits from:

- CHN 631(Alpha) History of the Chinese Language (3) [Pre: 451, 452, or Ling 421, depending on the Alpha]  
 CHN 633 Chinese Dialects (3) [Pre: 451 & 452]  
 CHN 634 Chinese Syntax and Semantics (3) [Pre: 452]  
 CHN 641, 642 Contrastive Analysis of Mandarin & English (3,3) [Pre: 451 & 452]

### 3 credits from:

- CHN 610(Alpha) Chinese Poetry (3) [Pre: 462]  
 EALL 611(Alpha) 20<sup>th</sup> Century Chinese Literary and Cultural Studies (3) [Pre: consent]  
 CHN 612 Traditional Chinese Fiction (3) [Pre: 402]

### 6 credits from approved courses, including the following: (Plan B)

- Anth 488 Chinese Culture: Ethnography (3)  
 Anth 489 Chinese Culture: Current (3)  
 Art 385 Early Art of China (3) [Pre: 180]  
 Art 386 Later Art of China (3) [Pre: 180]  
 Art 486 Early Chinese Painting (3) [Pre: 180]  
 Art 487 Later Chinese Painting (3)[Pre: 180]  
 CHN 455 Pragmatics and Discourse (3) [Pre: 202, 204, or consent]  
 CHN 456 Chinese Semantics and Communication (3) [Pre: 402]  
 EALL 601 Current Issues in East Asian Language Pedagogy (3)  
 EALL 602 Introduction to East Asian Linguistics (3) [Pre: CHN 451 and 452; or JPN 451; or KOR 451 and 452]  
 EALL 603C Bibliographical and Research Methods (3) [Pre: CHN 402]  
 Hist 311, 312 History of China (3, 3)  
 Hist 411 Local History of Late Imperial China (3)  
 Hist 412 Local History of 20th Century China (3)  
 Hist 419 The Chinese Revolution (3) [Pre: 311-312 recommended]  
 Hist 420 The People\*s Republic of China (3) [Pre: 312 or 419 recommended]  
 Phil 370 Chinese Philosophy (3)  
 Rel 475 Seminar on Buddhism (3) [Pre: 207, or consent]  
 Rel 476 Taoism in China (3) [Pre: 203 or consent]  
 Theatre 465 Drama and Theatre of China (3) [Pre: consent]

### Thesis (6 credits) (Plan A only)

- EALL 700V Thesis research

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Rev. 03/2010 [change CHN 611 to EALL 611; delete CHN 613]

Rev 05/2011 [add CHN & EALL courses to elective list]

Rev. 10/2013 [add CHN 601; shift EALL 603C]